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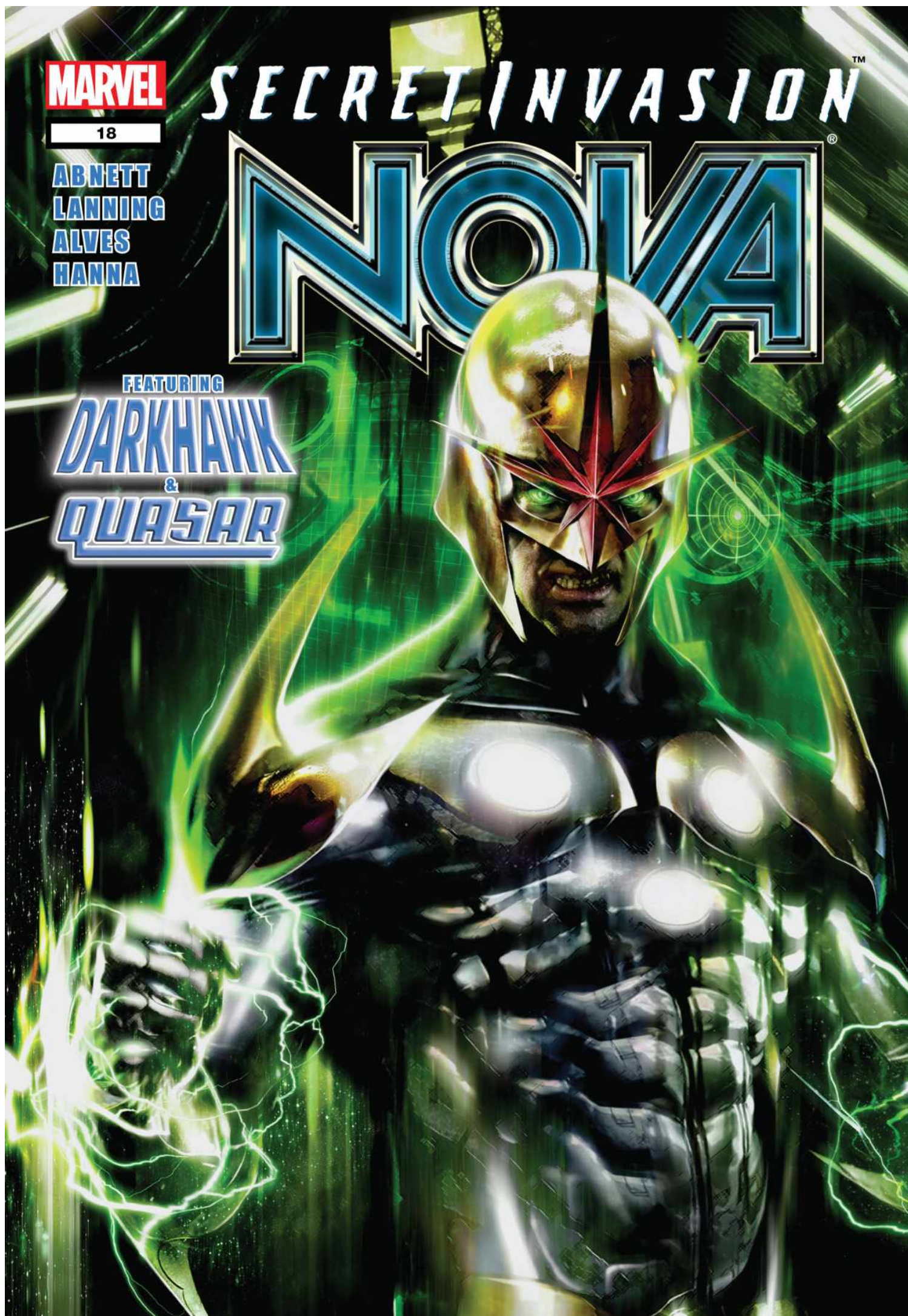
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SECRET INVASION™

NOVA®

FEATURING
DARKHAWK
&
QUASAR



THE CENTURIONS OF THE NOVA CORPS WERE ONCE THE PROTECTORS OF PEACE AND ORDER IN THE UNIVERSE, BUT THEN THE ANNIHILATION WAR DESTROYED THEM—ALL EXCEPT ONE. YOUNG EARTHMAN RICHARD RIDER, NOW IMBUED WITH THE SUPER-INTELLIGENT WORLDMIND COMPUTER AND THE COMBINED POWER OF THE CORPS, WAGES A ONE-MAN BATTLE FOR JUSTICE AS...

NOVA

NOVA SURVIVED THE APOCALYPTIC WRATH OF THE PLANET-EATING GALACTUS, BUT IN THE PROCESS, THE WORLDMIND COMPUTER HAS SUFFERED A TOTAL SYSTEM FAILURE.

TRAVELING HOME TO EARTH, NOVA JOINED THE DESPERATE FIGHT AGAINST THE SKRULLS' SECRET INVASION. THE SHAPE-SHIFTING ALIEN RACE HAS TARGETED PROJECT P.E.G.A.S.U.S., A HIGH TECH GOVERNMENT RESEARCH CENTER LOCATED IN UPSTATE NEW YORK, WHICH SPECIALIZES IN EXOTIC TECHNOLOGIES AND ENERGIES. IT IS ALSO THE WORKPLACE OF RICH'S GENIUS BROTHER, ROBBIE.

AFTER A MISUNDERSTANDING WITH THE SUPER HERO DARKHAWK - WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED BY THE INITIATIVE TO GUARD THE INSTITUTION - RICH STOOD ALONGSIDE THE BESIEGED LAB'S SECURITY TEAM AND HELPED DEFEND THEM AGAINST A VICIOUS SKRULL ATTACK. BUT TIME AND RESOURCES RUN LOW.



MEANWHILE, ROBBIE RIDER AND HIS SUPERIOR, DR. EVELYN NECKER, WORKED FRANTICALLY TO TURN ONE OF THE EXPERIMENTAL DEVICES IN P.E.G.A.S.U.S. INTO A VIABLE WEAPON TO DEFEAT THE SKRULLS. REQUIRING THE POWER OF AN ADVANCED SENTIENT COMPUTER, THEY EXTRACTED THE WOUNDED WORLDMIND MATRIX FROM NOVA AND ATTEMPTED TO REBOOT IT. AS IT APPEARED TO COME ONLINE, THE TRUE - AND SURPRISING - NATURE OF THE WEAPON WAS REVEALED...

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PROJECT: P.E.G.A.S.U.S.
IS UNDER ATTACK.

I CALCULATE THAT IT
WILL TAKE THE ALIEN
SKRULLS LESS THAN
FOURTEEN MINUTES TO
KILL EVERY HUMAN
BEING TRAPPED IN THE
LABORATORY COMPLEX.

CONTROL!
CONTROL!
WHERE'S NOVA?
WE NEED BACK-
UP NOW!

IN THIS SUB-LEVEL CORRIDOR,
THE GUARDSMAN SECURITY
TROOPS AND THEIR LEADER
DARKHAWK WILL NOT LAST
NEARLY THAT LONG.

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NFFH!

CONTROL!
THIS IS DARKHAWK!
ANSWER ME!

WE CAN'T HOLD
THEM! THERE ARE
SKRULLS COMING
OUT OF THE

WOODWORK!

EARRGHH!



PROJECT: P.E.G.A.S.U.S. IS A FACILITY OF
GREAT STRATEGIC VALUE. THE SKRULLS
ARE DETERMINED TO SEIZE IT AS PART OF
THEIR CONQUEST OF THE PLANET EARTH.

WE NEED
BACKUP!
WE N--
LIGHNNN!

THEIR PLANS
ARE TOO FAR
ADVANCED TO
BE THWARTED...

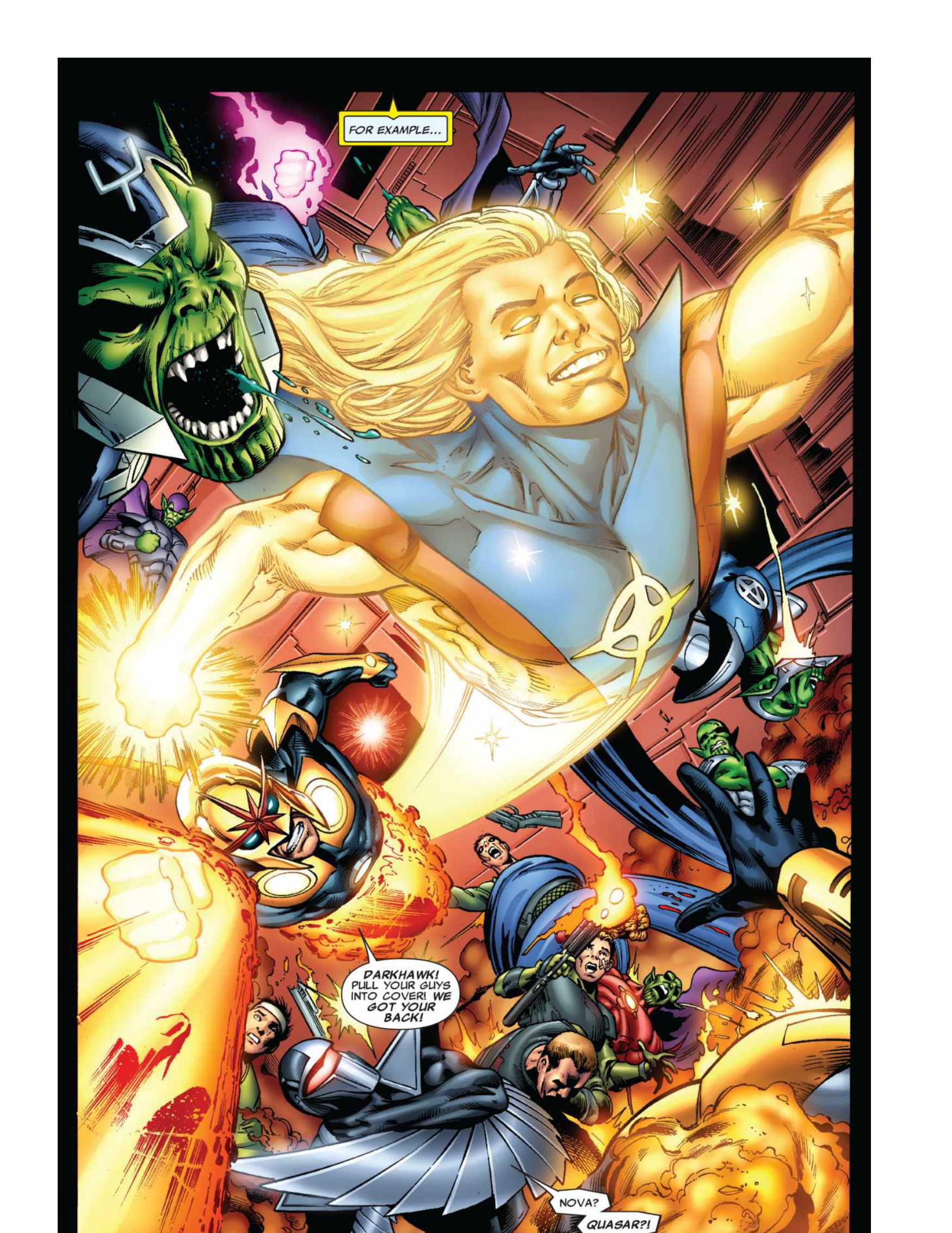


GHHKK...

GHHKK
GHHKK

HUH?

...UNLESS NEW
VARIABLES ARE
ADDED TO THE
PROCEEDINGS.



FOR EXAMPLE...

DARKHAWK!
PULL YOUR GUYS
INTO COVER! WE
GOT YOUR
BACK!

NOVA?

QUASAR?!



"YES, WENDELL,
IT'S A WHOLE
'NOTHER ALIEN
WAR ENTIRELY."

DR. NECKER? WHAT
JUST HAPPENED?
DID YOU OPEN THE
QUANTUM FLASK?

PLEASE
STAND BY, DIRECTOR
GRUENWALD. ROBERT AND I
ARE STILL COLLATING
DATA.

WE'RE NOT
QUITE SURE EXACTLY
WHAT HAPPENED, SIR.

**PROJECT: P.E.G.A.S.U.S.
PRIMARY LAB DECKS...**

BUT THE
QUANTUM FLASK
IS EMPTY?

UH,
YEAH.

SO
WHAT WAS
IN IT?

WENDELL
VAUGHN. OR
RATHER, A PHASIC
ENERGY COPY OF HIM.

WHOA, WHOA,
WHOA! WENDELL
VAUGHN?
QUASAR?

HE USED
TO BE SECURITY
CHIEF HERE, BUT
THAT WAS YEARS
AGO...

WELL,
HE'S BACK.
KINDA.

WE EXTRACTED
THE WORLD MIND MATRIX FROM
ROBERT'S BROTHER AND ATTEMPTED TO
RECONFIGURE ITS PATTERN-SENTIENCE
IN ORDER TO EFFECT A REBOOT.

MY INTENTION
WAS TO USE IT
TO OPERATE AND
CONTROL THE
QUANTUM FLASK.

NEXT THING, POW! THERE'S
QUASAR STANDING THERE
ALL GLOWY LIKE ANAKIN
AND BEN AT THE END
OF JEDI.

THEN HE
AND NOVA SPLIT
TO TACKLE THE
SKRULLS.

SLOW DOWN!
WHAT DO
YOU--

EXCUSE
ME. EXCUSE
ME.

COULD YOU ALL
STOP TALKING
FOR A MOMENT?
I AM TRYING TO
COLLECT MY
THOUGHTS.

MY CONSCIOUSNESS
IS ONLY JUST
REAWAKENED, AND I
FEAR I AM MISSING
SIGNIFICANT CHUNKS
OF DATA.

SO IF YOU
WOULD NOT MIND
BEING QUIET FOR
A SHORT WHILE...

WHO...

WHO
THE HELL
ARE YOU?

SUB-CORRIDOR 12...

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アサヒ

**QUASAR
SMASH!**

NEAT
TRICK. WHERE'D
YOU LEARN TO
DO THAT?

I DON'T
KNOW. I DON'T
KNOW MUCH,
ACTUALLY.

I REMEMBER
YOU AND ME
GOING UP AGAINST
ANNIHILUS. I REMEMBER
REALIZING THAT HE
WAS GOING TO
KILL ME.

I TRIED
TO ESCAPE. TO
QUANTUM JUMP
OUT OF HIS
GRIP.

I THINK...
I THINK ONLY
PART OF ME MADE
IT. MY BODY DIED,
BUT I THINK MY
MIND ESCAPED.

I DON'T
REMEMBER
ANYTHING ELSE
UNTIL I WOKE



LET'S
WORRY
ABOUT THAT
LATER.

YOU'RE
BACK AND OUR
WORLD IS BEING
INVADED BY
ALIENS.

I SUGGEST
WE FOCUS.

LAST TIME
I SAW YOU,
RICHARD, YOU WERE
STRUGGLING WITH
THE NEW POWER
LEVELS YOU'D
INHERITED.

WHERE
DID YOU
GAIN THIS
CONFIDENCE?

SURVIVING
TOO MANY
MOMENTS
LIKE THIS.

WE NEED
TO REGAIN
THE UPPER
HAND FAST.

AGREED!

RICHARD,
I NEED YOU TO
PROTECT YOURSELF,
DARKHAWK AND THE
GUARDSMEN WITH A
GRAVIMETRIC
SHIELD!

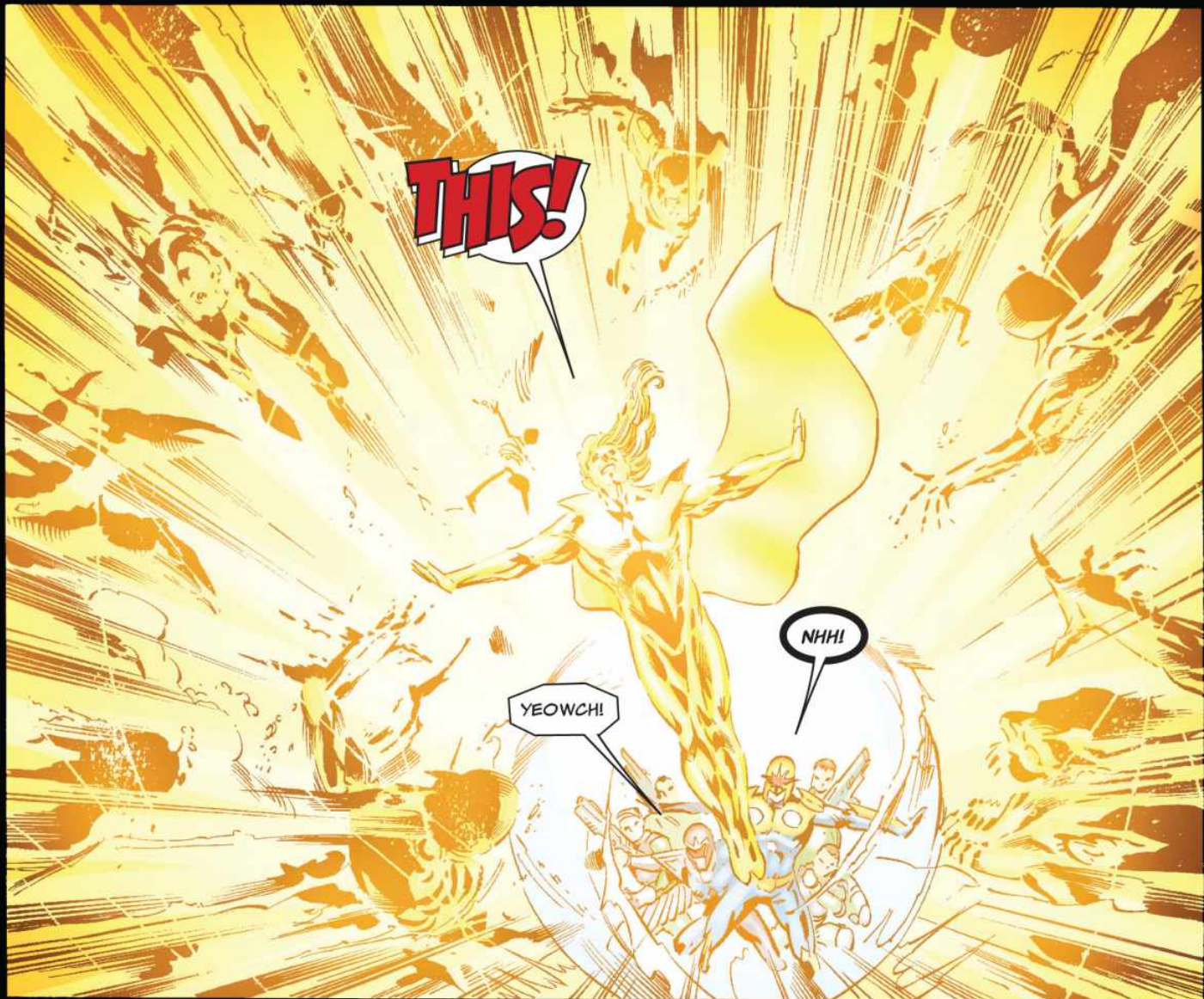
YOU
GOT IT.



WHAT?
WHAT HE'S
GONNA
DO?

JUST
GET BEHIND
ME, CHRIS.
NOW.

BUT
WHAT'S HE
GONNA DO?
WHAT'S
HE--



THIS!

NHH!

YEOWCH!



HOLY
#*&#! NOVA,
HE JUST
TOASTED
THEM!

NO
KIDDING.



WHERE
DID HE
GO?

I DON'T
KNOW.
WENDELL?
YOU STILL
HERE?

QUASAR?

"IT IS CRITICAL
YOU PAY
ATTENTION..."

**PRIMARY
LAB DECKS...**

...I REQUIRE DATA
INPUT TO BUILD A
COMPLETE PICTURE
OF THIS SITUATION.

CORRECT. WHO
REACTIVATED ME?

I DID. YOUR
FUNCTIONAL MATRIX
HAD SHUT DOWN. I
EXTRACTED YOU, AND
PLACED YOU INSIDE THIS
EXPERIMENTAL GESTALT
MAINFRAME.

YOU'RE...
YOU'RE THE
WORLD MIND?

YOU EXTRACTED
ME? I AM NO
LONGER CONTAINED
WITHIN THE MIND OF
RICHARD RIDER?

THAT'S
RIGHT.

AND YOU ARE
ROBERT RIDER.
I RECOGNIZE YOUR
GENETIC TEMPLATE.

COOL.
YOU REALLY THE
XANDARIAN MASTER
COMPUTER?

I AM CUSTODIAN
OF THE ENTIRE CULTURAL
LEGACY OF XANDAR,
AS WELL AS THE NOVA
FORCE.

HEY, WAIT!
WHAT DO YOU
THINK YOU'RE
DOING?

GATHERING DATA.
LINKING MY SENTIENCE
TO THIS FACILITY'S
CORE SYSTEMS.

WHEN I SHUT
DOWN, I WAS ON THE
PLANET ORBUCEN.
PLEASE CONFIRM, I
AM NOW ON EARTH?

UM,
YES. YES,
YOU ARE.

I AM INSIDE PROJECT:
P.E.G.A.S.U.S., AND IT
IS UNDER ATTACK FROM A
SKRULL TASK FORCE.

THESE PRIORITY FACTS
BECAME KNOWN
TO ME THE MOMENT
I RESTARTED.

EARTH ITSELF
IS INVADED.
THE PROGNOSIS



NO, WE'RE DOING
OKAY. NOVA'S OUT
THERE, AND
DARHAWK...

...AND THANKS
TO YOU, WE JUST
SICCED QUASAR
ON THE SKRULLS
TOO.

I HAVE FULL TACTICAL
APPRAISAL OF THE
ONGOING COMBAT. THE
FIGHTING IS RUTHLESS.

I WOULD EXPECT NO
LESS. THE SKRULLS
HAVE ALWAYS BEEN
MOST IMPLACABLE
FOES.



THE BEING QUASAR
HAS DISENGAGED
FROM THE BATTLE.

HE HAS EXPENDED A
GREAT DEAL OF ENERGY.
HE HAS RETURNED TO THE
FLASK TO RECHARGE.



OUR CONTINUED
SURVIVAL NOW
DEPENDS ON THE
REMAINING
DEFENDERS.

NOVA
1124 94 4 396.
IT IS CRITICAL YOU
PAY ATTENTION AT
THIS TIME.

WORLDMIND?

WORLDMIND!
OH MY GOD,
YOU'RE ALIVE!



YES, MY
FUNCTION HAS BEEN
RESTORED.

THAT'S THE
BEST NEWS I'VE
HAD ALL DAY.

WE
COULD KINDA
USE YOUR
HELP.



WE JUST SHUT
DOWN A MAJOR
SKRULL ASSAULT,
BUT OTHER STRIKE
TEAMS HAVE
PENETRATED THE
SUB-LEVELS.

I WANT TO
BOX THEM IN, BUT
I'M HAVING
TROUBLE TRACKING
THEM.





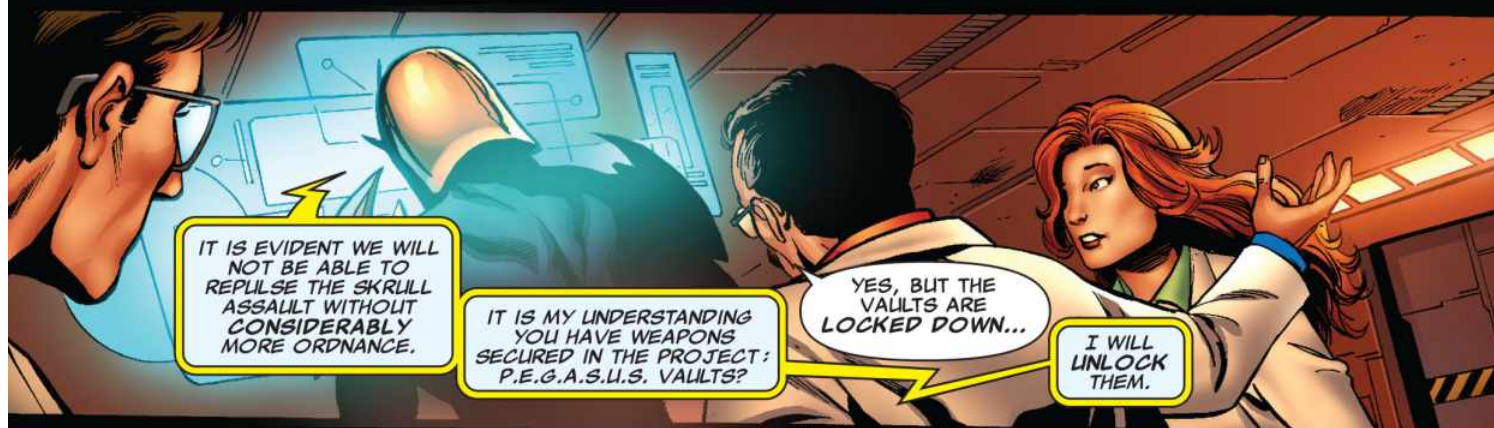
WORLDMI--
LIGHNN!

WHAT'S GOING
ON? WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

IS
MY BIG BRO
OKAY?

WORLDMIND,
I DEMAND TO
KNOW--

PLEASE. I
AM TRYING TO
CONCENTRATE.



IT IS EVIDENT WE WILL
NOT BE ABLE TO
REPUULSE THE SKRULL
ASSAULT WITHOUT
CONSIDERABLY
MORE ORDNANCE.

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING
YOU HAVE WEAPONS
SECURED IN THE PROJECT:
P.E.G.A.S.U.S. VAULTS?

YES, BUT THE
VAULTS ARE
LOCKED DOWN...

I WILL
UNLOCK
THEM.



YOU
CAN'T!

I AM THE XANDARIAN
WORLDMIND, DIRECTOR.
THERE ARE VERY FEW
THINGS I CANNOT DO.

BUT THERE ARE
ISSUES OF NATIONAL
SECURITY! I CAN'T
ALLOW YOU TO JUST
TAKE CONTROL OF
THE PROJECT'S
SYSTEMS.

BETTER ME THAN
THE SKRULLS,
DIRECTOR
GRUENWALD.



ACCESSING
INVENTORY:

XK12 MAN-PORTABLE
MESON CANNONS...
PROTOTYPE PLASMA
DISCHARGE WEAPON...

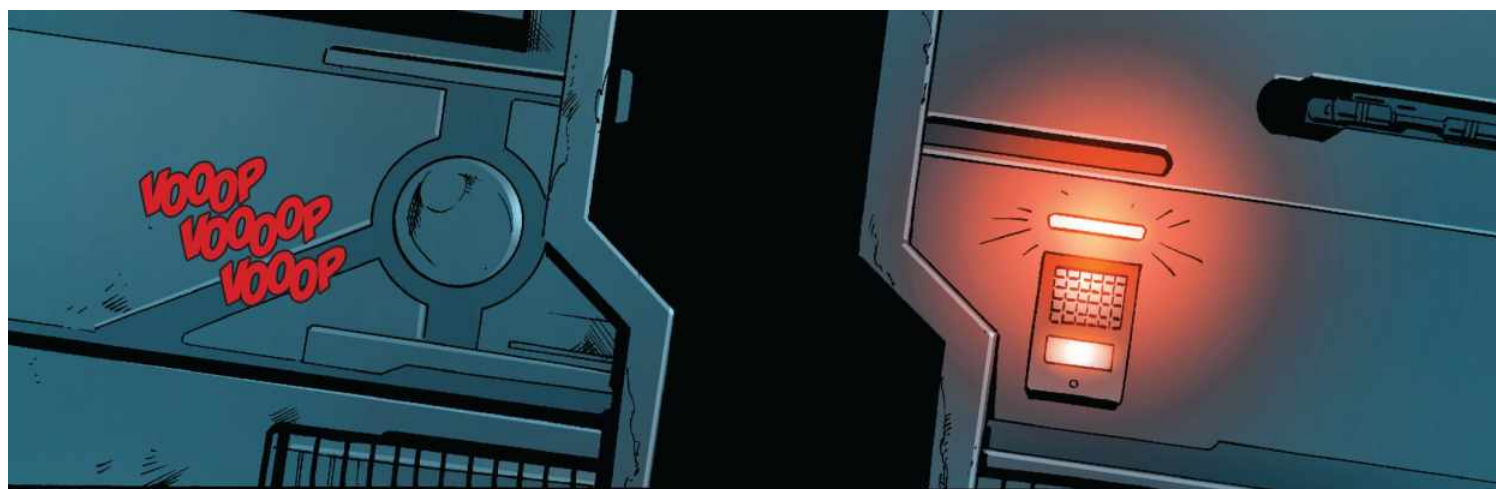
"SCREAMER" SONIC
BOMBS...SYNAPSE
DISRUPTION CHARGES...

"NARWHAL" CLASS
SENTIENT HYPERSPACE
MISSILES...

AH...THIS IS
MORE LIKE IT....



UNLOCKING
VAULTS.



BANG



BANG



BANG



MINION PROJECT...activation beginning...

TAK-
TAK-
TAK-
TAK-
TAK-

SUB-LEVEL
TWELVE F...

LIGHTN!

THANKS!

DARKHAWK!
BEHIND YOU!

YOU OKAY?
WE GOTTA
LEAVE THIS
PARTY.

COME ON,
GUYS! MOVE!
LET'S TRY AND
GET THROUGH TO
TWELVE E!

WE'LL
REGROUP
THERE!

YOU HEARD
HIM! GO!

WORLDWIND! CAN
YOU GIVE US ANY
BACKUP? THIS LOOKS
LIKE THEIR MAIN
FORCE COMING
THROUGH!

STAND BY...I AM
ROUTING DEFENDER
UNITS TO YOUR
LOCATION NOW.

YOU'VE ACTIVATED
THE MINION PROJECT?
BUT I'VE BARELY BENCH-
TESTED THOSE UNITS, AND
I DON'T HAVE A RELIABLE
POWER SOURCE.

THEY ARE RUDIMENTARY
CREATIONS, SIMPLE ENOUGH
TO CONTROL. I AM POWERING
THEM USING A SMALL PORTION
OF THE NOVA FORCE.

I BELIEVE,
DR. NECKER...



"...THEY WILL
SERVE OUR
NEEDS."

OKAY, THIS
IS NEW... BUT NOT
UNWELCOME.

THEY GOT
THE MINIONS
WORKING!

THIS
YOUR DOING,
WORLDMIND?

CONFIRMED. I HAVE
DEPLOYED THESE
CYBERNETIC DEFENSE
CONSTRUCTS FROM
STORAGE IN THE
FACILITY'S VAULTS.

WORLDMIND
JUST BOUGHT A
SERIOUS SLICE
OF ADVANTAGE.
WE CAN'T
WASTE IT.

YOU WITH
ME?

YEAH. OF
COURSE.

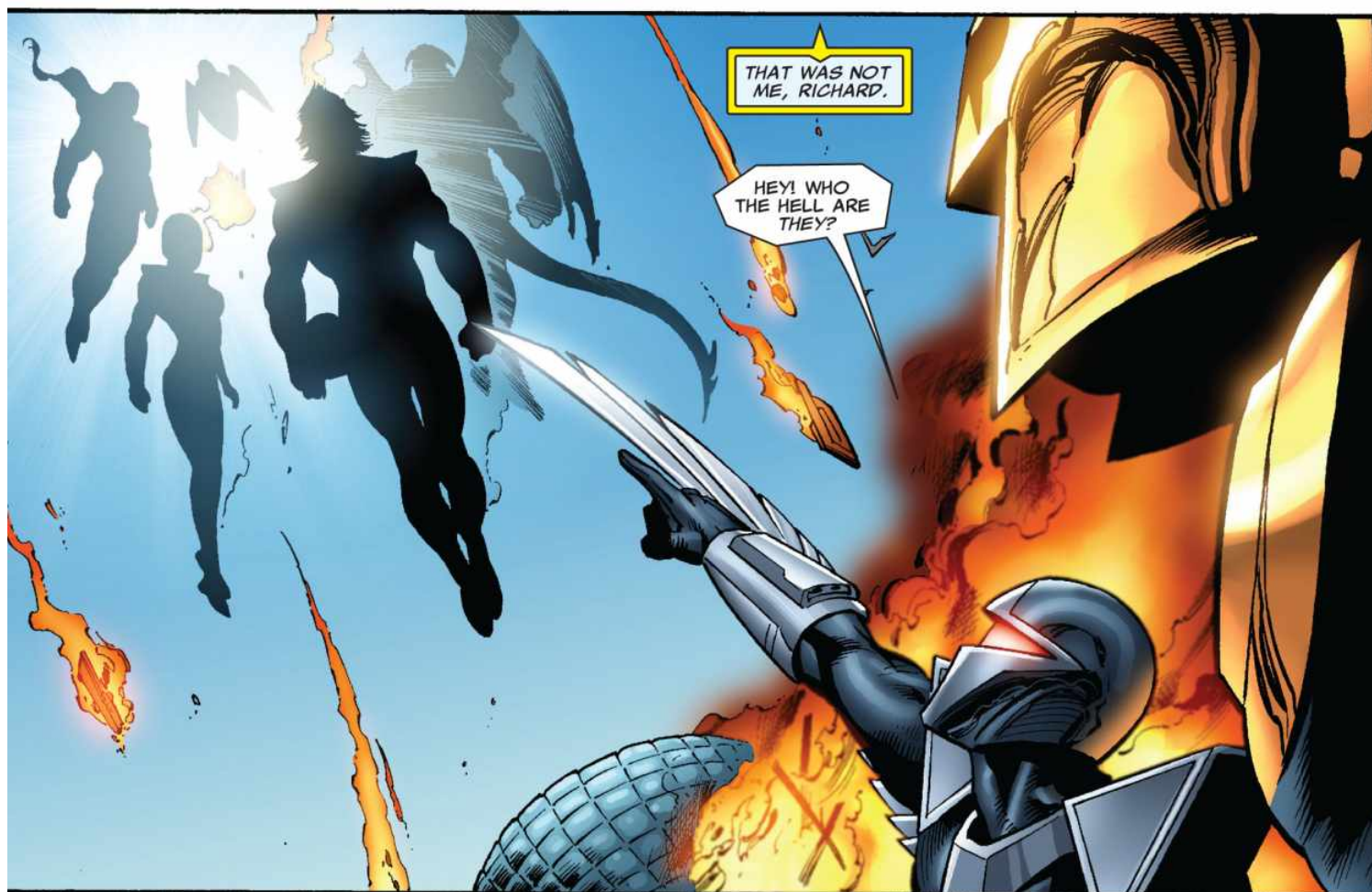
IT'S JUST...
YOU'VE CHANGED
SO MUCH. THESE...
SPACE WARS YOU
FOUGHT IN, WHAT
HAPPENED TO













SALUTATIONS,
NOVA PRIME.

NOVA CORPS
CENTURIIONS
REPORTING
FOR DUTY.

NEXT:
PROTECT AND SERVE!